

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-14, 16-28 and 30-33 are pending in the application. A final Office Action was issued November 9, 2009. Applicants are filing this paper and an Information Disclosure Statement concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination.

In the above-amendment, claims 4, 7, 12, 13, 19, and 20 have been cancelled without prejudice and without acquiescence to any outstanding objections or rejections previously set forth by the Office. Claims 1, 2, 5, 8-11, 14, 16-18, 21-26, and 30-33 have been amended. New claims 40-44 have been added. Entry of the claim amendments presented above is requested in an effort to advance prosecution of the application.

Regarding the prior double patenting rejections set forth in the November 9, 2009 Office Action, Applicants acknowledge the provisional rejections and request the rejections be held in abeyance until such time as a notice of allowance is issued for the subject claims.

Regarding the Section 112 and 102 rejections which were maintained and set forth in that Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claim amendments presented above address these issues. Accordingly, withdrawal of those stated rejections is requested.

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